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As the Treaty revision year 1936, is approaching, according to the plan of the Army and Navy for co-operative action in constructing national defense, we must complete the national defense plan before that period. In other words, although we intend to settle international affairs by diplomacy, since it may fail or the situation become serious, we must complete defensive preparations, lest we should be paralysed or be underrated by foreign countries. In this sense, these plans are to perfect military preparations, and by no means, to start an aggressive war. I think that the previous conference tentatively agreed upon a national defense system designed for defensive purposes only.

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